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SUBJECT: CASE OF MIKHAIL "LEVIEV" ("LEVKOYEV")

REF: STATE 279498

1. JEWISH ACTIVIST SOURCE WHO KEEPS TRACK OF SUCH CASES TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 25 THAT MIKHAIL LEVKOYEV (NOT "LEVIEV" PER REFTEL) WAS MANAGER OF TADZHIKISTAN RETAIL STORE IN MOSCOW AND HAS BEEN GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE FOR VARIETY OF ECONOMIC OFFENSES. SOURCE SAID LEVKOYEV APPLIED FOR EMIGRATION AFTER AUTHORITIES BEGAN INVESTIGATION OF STORE FINANCES AND LEVKOYEV'S APPARENTLY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. SOURCE THOUGHT IT WAS PROBABLE THAT LEVKOYEV WAS GUILTY OF CHARGES, BUT NOTED THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL FOR DEATH SENTENCE TO BE GIVEN IN SUCH A CASE. (DEATH SENTENCES GENERALLY APPLY ONLY TO CASES INVOLVING VERY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY OR REPEATED OFFENSES.) HE WAS NOT SURE WHERE CASE STOOD, OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPEALED, BUT SAID HE WOULD CHECK AND LET EMBOFF KNOW.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CHECK WITH MOSCOW AP OFFICE (WHICH HAS NAME LISTED AS "LEVIEV") EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT WIFE OF STORE MANAGER HAS BEEN SUPPLYING INFORMATION ON CASE IN HOPES OF STIRRING UP ENOUGH PUBLICITY TO HAVE SENTENCE MITIGATED. AP SAYS THAT WIFE HAS TOLD THEM SENTENCE IS BEING APPEALED.
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